

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1771

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GRAPHITE INDUSTRY IN SOUTHERN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that graphite is available in huge quantities in Southern Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, whether any industry is proposed to be set up based on graphite in Southern Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): The estimated reserve of all grades of graphites in the State of Tamil Nadu is about 2.5 lakh tonnes;

(b) to (d): The State Government undertaking Tamil Nadu Minerals Ltd. has set up the facilities for beneficiation plant and the annual production of graphite in the State of Tamil Nadu was approximately 43,300 tonnes in the year 2002-03. Central Government is not aware of any new proposal in this regard.